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REPORT OF THE BIOLOGICAL AND MICROSCOPICAL SECTION.

During the year eighteen meetings were held, with an average attendance of about fifteen persons.

The annual exhibition was held April 5, and was a success as to the number of visitors and in regard to the improvement noticed in general microscopical manipulation.

The following gentlemen became contributors to the Section during the year :—Dr. L. Brewer Hall, Dr. Henry Beates, Dr. Max Bochroch, Dr. Charles L. Mitchell, Dr. M. B. Hartzell, Dr. Arthur Wilson, Dr. William R. Hoch, Mr. John F. Lewis.

The following resignations were accepted :—Dr. Charles Turnbull, Dr. S. H. Guilford.

The meetings have been well supplied with material for discussion, and an increased interest has been manifested during the year.

The following are some of the more important subjects brought to the notice of the Section :—

Dr. J. G. Hunt.—Communication upon Diatomes, Desmids, Sponges, Carnivorous Plants, Mosses and on the Preparation of Animal and Vegetable Tissues.

Dr. Charles Mitchell.—A New Freezing Microtome. Also a paper upon Hæmatoxylin Staining.

Dr. L. B. Hall.—Communication upon Spirogyra.

Dr. G. A. Rex.—Upon the Trichias, with two rare forms not found before in North America.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recorder.

REPORT OF THE CONCHOLOGICAL SECTION.

The Recorder of the Conchological Section respectfully reports that of the various papers upon the subject of the Mollusca, accepted for publication by the Academy during the past year, the most important was one by Mr. Andrew J. Garrett, of Tahiti, upon "The Land Shells of the Society Islands," which is now in press and will soon appear as a part of the Journal.